The Governments of Assam, Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Rajasthan and West Bengal have not adopted the Repeal Act. The question of release of land as a result of enforcement of the Repeal Act does not arise in these States.

Plan for development of Urban areas

†420. SHRI ONKAR SINGH LAKHAWAT: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to implement any development plan for urban areas and also for those of religious and tourism importance:

(b) if so, the names of cities in Rajasthan covered under this plan; and

(c) the State-wise provision of funds made by Government for well planned development of these cities for the year 1999-2000, alongwith the names of schemes under which such provisions were made?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) Schemes for development of urban areas (New Townships) and places of religious and tourist importance are proposed.

(b) and (c) The question does not arise as the schemes are to be approved.

Cities in a State of collapse

421. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that cities are virtually in a state of collapse due to strained transport, traffic congestion, power and water shortage; and

(b) if so, how do Government plan to improve the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) and (b) While the urban infrastructure in cities is strained, however, the Government has taken a number of measures to improve urban living conditions and deficiency of services in urban India. Some of the important measures include Integrated Development of Small and Medium Towns, Mega City schemes and Accelerated Urban Water Supply Programme, Environmental Improvement

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

of Urban Slums (EIUS), National Slum Development Programme, 73rd and 74th Constitutional Amendments for empowering Local Bodies, Repeal of Urban Land Ceiling Act (ULCA), National Housing Policy etc. as also involvement of private sector in resource mobilisation for housing and urban infrastructure projects.

Administrative Irregularities in DOP

422. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE:

SHRI GOVINDRAM MIRI:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that number of letters written by the Members of Parliament relating to the alleged purchases of crores of rupees and several other administrative irregularities in the Directorate of Printing are yet to be replied by his Ministry;

(b) if so, the details of information regarding all such letters which have been received by the concerned officers since October, 1999 onwards and till date, date-wise;

(c) whether suitable replies of the same have since been furnished in stipulated time; and

(d) what is the status of various aspects highlighted in the aforesaid letters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) Replies to all the letters writtern by Members of Parliament relating to purchases and other administrative irregularities in the Directorate of Printing have since been furnished.

(d) Status of various aspects highlighted in the aforesaid letters are given in the Statement.

Statement

Status of the Issues Highlighted

(1) Non-Utilization of System-272 of Monotype U.K.

The system-272 of Montoype U.K. was pruchased in the year 1983. It has become obsolete due to change in the printing technology and non-availability of spare parts. The System has been declared unserviceable.